maintain Statewise information. However, according to the index of industrial production compiled by CSO, the rate of growth of industrial production during April—January 1987 was 8.7 per cent as compared to 7.8 per cent during the same period of last year. Government has been providing a number of fiscal and financial incentives to stimulate industrial growth. Government is also taking steps to ensure that the infrastructure industries perform well to support industrial production.

Production of anti-friction bearings by BHEL

612. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BHEL, Bhopal has produced anti-friction bearings of 3000 RPM for Kakrapar Atomic Energy Plant and whether the same was imported earlier;

(b) what is the saving in foreign exchange by indigenous production;

(c) whether there is a phased programme to manufacture other items which are still being imported if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is also a proposal to manufacture armoured tanks by BHEL?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir, The anti-friction bearings used in the motors for the Kakrapar Atomic Energy Plant are still being imported.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Other imported items like gears for bearings gears water detection device etc., are planned for indigenisation by next year.

((d) It is not in the public interest to disclose the information.

LPG Agency in Nathadwara

613. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: Will the Miinster of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no LPG agency in Nathadwara in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are a large number of LPG consumers registered in Nathadwara;

(d) if so. what is the system of supplying LPG to them; and

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to meet the LPG demands of consumers in Nathadwara itself?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) The oil industry has plans for setting up of one LPG distributorship at Nathadwara in Rajasthan;

(c) Registration for customers will start after the distributorship is commissioned;

(d) and (e) With the commissioning of the distributorship, the LPG facility will become available to the residents of Nathadwara.

Free air and water facility at Oil Retail Outlets

614. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil Industry has ensured the availability of free air and water facilities at the retail outlets as a part of consumer service;

(b) if so, whether failure on part of the dealers to provide such services to the clientele is liable for penal action;

(c) whether the revised dealership agreement has been finalised; if so, what are the details thereof and

whether the Marketing Discipline Guidelines are strictly enforced;

(d) if the reply to part (c) is in affirmative, what is the number of cases registered and action taken against the dealers during the last one year; and

(e) what are the salient features of the new Marketing Discipline Guidelines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) The Retail Outlet dealers are required to provide free air and water at the retail outlets as a part of consumer service; failure in this regard is liable for action under Marketing Discipline Guidelines;

(c) While the revised dealership agreement has not been finalised the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines are strictly enforced by the oil industry;

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above;

(e) The salient features of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines include regular/random inspections of Retail Outlets/SKO-LDO dealerships by officers of the company. These inspections *inter-alia* include quantitative stock reconciliation, qualitative check on Motor Spirit by way of Filter Paper Test, checks with regard to observance of statutory and other regulations by the dealer as also customer service and general amenities such as free air water facilities.

Sick Industrial Units in Madhya Pradesh

615. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sick industrial units in Madhya Pradesh and has their number been on the increase of late;

(b) how much bank credit is blocked in these units; and

(c) what are the reasons for the sickness of these units and what steps are being contemplated by Government to safeguard the interests of the workers employed in these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country are collected by the Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by it. As per the latest information available from RBI, the number of sick industrial units in Madhya Pradesh and bank credit blocked against them as at the end of December 1985 and December 1986 is given below:—

(Amount in Rs. crores)

Sector	1985		1986	
	No. of units	Amount blocked	No. of units	Amount blocked
SSI.	7843	31.37	9895	37.58
Large	22	89.46	26	98.58